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PART I.

IMPORTANT GOVERNMENT ORDERS.

CHIEF SECRETARIAT.

Shekdari Service.

READ—

Paragraph 10 of Government Order No. R. 944-53—L. R. 387-16-5, dated the 13th July 1918, directing that pending the reconstitution of hobli charges the pay of Shekdars be raised from Rs. 25, 30 and 35 to Rs. 30, 35 and 40.

2. Correspondence ending with letter No. C. 22—22-23, dated the 10—11th November 1927, from the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore, submitting proposals in the matter of reduction of number of hoblies and revision of pay and horse allowance of Shekdars.

ORDER No. R. 5457-517—L. R. 291-22-26, DATED 21ST—26TH JANUARY 1928.

The question of improving the pay and prospects of Shekdars has been engaging the attention of Government for some time past. The pay of Shekdars was raised from Rs. 25, 30 and 35 to Rs. 30, 35 and 40 in 1918, at the time of reorganisation of Taluk Establishments. In 1921, an addition of Rs. 5 to their pay in lieu of high prices allowance was ordered in Government Order No. Fl. C. 6-55—S. & A. 5-21-11, dated the 9th October 1921. The Revenue Commissioner submitted proposals in 1921 for enhancing the horse allowance of Shekdars. The same question was urged by the Representative Assembly in October 1922 and in 1924 but it was deferred for want of funds. In August 1924, a scheme for direct recruitment of Probationary Shekdars was sanctioned in Government Order No. R. 1372-81—L. R. 393-22-6, dated the 20th August 1924, in which the general educational qualification required for Shekdars was raised from Matriculation or S. S. L. C. Examination to First year B. A. of the Mysore University or the Intermediate Examination of any other University. In order

to improve the Shekdari service without much extra cost, it was proposed to reduce the number of Shekdars as far as practicable.

2. The Revenue Commissioner has accordingly submitted the following proposals:—

(1) The number of hoblies to be reduced from 375 to 350, suitable reduction being made in the Districts except Mysore and Tumkur.

(2) Shekdars to be given the pay of Rs. 50 and 40, the proportion in these two grades being fixed at 1: 2.

(3) Horse allowance to be raised from Rs. 10 to Rs. 20 and

(4) The designation "Shekdar" to be changed to "Revenue Inspector."

3. Government have considered these proposals and are pleased to direct that in regard to the reduction of hoblies, the Revenue Commissioner's proposal be accepted for the present. He is requested to examine the possibility of further reducing the number of hoblies in view of phoding work in the Districts generally having been given over to officers of the Survey Department.

4. As regards the revision of pay and change of designation, Government approve of the Revenue Commissioner's recommendation. The extra cost involved by the revision is Rs. 8,820 per annum as noted in the margin. The additional cost required during the current year may be met from the savings expected by the abolition of the temporary staff ordered in Government Order No. R. 5423-33—L. R. 306-27-2, dated 21st January 1928. A supplemental demand will be placed before the Legislative Council for excess expenditure, if any required, over the amount available.

Number of existing Shekdars	...	375
Number reduced ...	...	25
Number now sanctioned	...	350
1/3 of 350 or 117×50×12	...	70,200
2/3 of 300 or 233×40×12	...	1,11,840
		1,82,040
Present cost ...	...	1,73,220
Additional cost per annum	...	8,820

5. The officials who were recruited as Probationary Shekdars may on confirmation be given Rs. 50 per mensem in the 1st grade and they may be shown preference in filling up the posts of Taluk Sheristedars, in cases where they are found to be deserving of such advancement.

6. Government direct that the question of increase of horse allowance may lie over for the present.

N. MADHAVA RAO,
Chief Secretary to Government.

LAW SECRETARIAT.

Committee to suggest alterations and amendments to the Rules relating to the Representative Assembly and Legislative Council.

READ—

Government Order No. 1601-18—L. C. 32-26-1, dated 20th May 1927, appointing a Committee to suggest alterations and amendments to the rules relating to the Representative Assembly and Legislative Council with Mr. T. Singaravelu Mudaliar, B.A., B.L., Assistant Secretary to Government as Secretary.

(2) Subsequent orders ending with Government Order No. Rel 414-33—L. C. 32-26-7, dated 18th January 1928, adding to or altering the list of members constituting the abovementioned Committee.

(3) Government Notification No. 4188—C. B. 23-27-17, dated 21st January 1928, appointing among others, Mr. T. Singaravelu Mudaliar, B.A., B.L., as acting Subordinate Judge and posting him as Registrar of the Chief Court of Mysore, and Mr. N. Sitharamaiya, B.A., B.L., to act as Assistant Secretary to Government.

ORDER NO. REL. 459-78—L. C. 32-26-8, DATED 27TH JANUARY 1928.

Consequent on the transfers read above, Government are pleased to appoint Mr. N. Sitharamaiya, B.A., B.L., as Secretary to the Committee referred to above.

B. NAGAPPA,
Secretary to Government,
Law Department.